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1. Hannah<sup>4</sup> b. Mar. 10, 1712.
- 6 2. Thomas b. May 18, 1714, d. May 26, 1781.
- 7 3. John b. Jany. 28, 1716.
4. Deborah b. Apr. 28, 1717, d. May 22, 1745, m.  
May 29, 1733, Isaac, son of Stephen Gates, 5  
children.
- 8 5. Perez b. May 3, 1720.
- 9 6. Samuel b. Apr. 23, 1722.
7. Mary b. Aug. 3, 1727.
8. Anne b. Apr. 11, 1730.

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4 George<sup>3</sup> Partridge (John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>), born at Duxbury Aug. 17, 1690, and died there Jany. 24, 1768.

We have found this George like his father and grandfather, playing an important part in the government of his native town. He seems also to have been a prominent church member, for we find him on various committees appointed to arrange church affairs. In 1749 or '50 he was chosen by the town, one of a committee of three to dismiss the pastor, agree with him on his back salary and choose another pastor, as well as to repair or rebuild the church (Duxbury Records, p. 302), and before that in 1736 he was chosen one of four "to take care and order the children and young people in said town and restrain them."

He was a mill owner, owning in 1746 a fulling-mill and also a grist-mill. Articles of agreement between him and his partners are among the town records for that year. His will was probated in 1768 and is recorded in Vol. 20, page 56, of Plymouth Probate Records, and is as follows:

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"The Last will & testament of George Partridge of Duxborough in the county of Plymouth in the province of the Massachusetts-Bay in New-England housewright. I the said George Partridge being under many bodily infirmities yet of perfect mind & memory, thanks be given to almighty God therefor, & calling to mind the mortality of my body, & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do upon serious consideration make and ordain these presents to be my last will & testament, to remain firm and inviolable forever. That is to say, principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, & my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent christian manner at the discretion of my executor hereinafter nam<sup>d</sup>, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the almighty power of God, & as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise, & dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

"Imprimis, I give and bequeath unto my eldest son Samuel Partridge all that my farm or plat of land known by the name of Wiswal place laying in Duxborough aforesaid, and is all that part of the purchase that I made of M<sup>r</sup> Peleg Wiswall of Boston that layeth to the Southward of the home farm of Jacob Peterson in said Duxborough.

"Item, I give & bequeath unto my son James Partridge five pounds, & all my wearing apparel, together with what he hath already received of the estate of my uncle M<sup>r</sup> James Partridge that was given to me. I consented he should take the deed in his own name.

"Item, I give & bequeath unto my daughter Mable Coomer wife to Will<sup>m</sup> Coomer, three pounds together with what she hath already had & in case she should be a widdow my son George Partridge herein-after named is to pay her forty shillings every year during her widdowhood.

"Item, I give & bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Partridge wife to John Partridge, three pounds, together with what she hath already had.

"Item, I give and bequeath unto my two grandchildren Ziba Hunt, & Sarah Hunt, six pounds equally to be divided between them.

"Item, I give & bequeath unto my grand-son Partridge Richerson one bed & furniture belonging to it & five pounds in money.

"Item, I give & bequeath unto my dear & loving wife Hannah Partridge the improvement of one third part of my home-farm, on which I now dwell, to improve during her widowhood; & a privilege of cutting fire wood for her fire & fencing-stuff for said farm, during s<sup>d</sup> term, & a bed & furniture, & household stuff sufficient to keep house with, during her widowhood, and at the expiration of her widowhood, it is to belong to my son George Partridge herein named.

"Item, I give & bequeath unto my youngest son George Partridge, my home farm on which I now dwell, & my pew or seat in the meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Duxborough, & a wood-lot being the first lot in number in the last division of Duxboro' Commons, laying near a pond, called Island-creek-pond, & my right in the eleventh lot in the s<sup>d</sup> division; & two pieces of salt-marsh lying adjacent to Sprague's neck, near six acres of them, & purchased of M<sup>r</sup> James Partridge dec<sup>d</sup> & an island of marsh known

by the name of Soul's island, laying to the Northward of Powder-point in s<sup>d</sup> Duxboro', & all the remainder of my estate both real & personal after my debts & funeral charges are paid, & the legacies or gifts, or dower herein before named are paid, I give to my son George Partridge be it in bills, bonds, book-debts or notes whatsoever, ordering him to provide for my wife during her widowhood, if what I have herein before given her shall not be sufficient for her comfortable support.

"Lastly, My will is that my son George Partridge above-named be sole executor of this my last will and testament, thus hoping that this my last will be kept & performed, according to the true intent & meaning thereof In witness whereof, I the said George Partridge have hereunto set my hand & seal this fourteenth day of May anno-Domini one thousand, seven hundred & sixty four, 1764.

GEORGE PARTRIDGE [seal]

Signed, sealed, & declared by the aforenam<sup>d</sup> George Partridge to be his last will & testam<sup>t</sup> in presence of us

ELIJAH TOWER

JOSHUA STANFORD

JONATHAN PETERSON"

George Partridge's wife was Hannah, daughter of Deacon John Foster of Plymouth and widow of William Bradford. She died Dec. 17, 1778, ae 84.

Their children:

1. Samuel <sup>4</sup> — twice married. His daughter Rebecca m. Benj. Barker of Plymouth, Mass.

- 10 2. James m. Thankful Stevens.
3. Mabel m. Wm. Coomer.
4. John m. Sarah —.
5. Sarah m. Dec. 2, 1736, Asa Hunt. Two children,  
1 Ziba 2 Sarah.
6. Hannah m. Nov. 23, 1758, Bartholomew Richard-  
son.
7. (Hon.) George b. Feby. 8, 1740, d. July 7, 1828.  
Never married. He graduated at Cambridge in  
1762. In 1781 he was a delegate to Congress  
which position he continued to hold until the  
close of the Revolution.

Hon. George Partridge founded a school at Duxbury, called "Partridge Academy," which was built in 1840, and used as an academy for the town and adjoining district. It was conducted entirely independent of town jurisdiction until about 1893, when it was made the town High School.

The building is still in a fine state of preservation, and its history is so interwoven with that of the town itself, that it is considered a most interesting landmark.